

thereof, while acting in the performance of their duties, who are authorized by law or by rules or regulations to own or possess any such weapon or explosive.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter, amend, or repeal any provision of section 4472 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (54 Stat. 1023; U. S. C. 1940 Ed., title 46, sec. 170).

Approved, December 31, 1941.

[CHAPTER 643]

AN ACT

To incorporate the Union Church of the Canal Zone.

December 31, 1941

[H. R. 528]

[Public Law 391]

The Union Church of the Canal Zone, incorporation.

Whereas the Union Church of the Canal Zone is an unincorporated evangelical religious organization which has established and maintained union churches at various points in the Canal Zone since its organization in 1914, succeeding in that year separate union churches which had been maintained for a number of years previously; and

Whereas it has parsonages and church buildings at the following points, to wit: Balboa, Pedro Miguel, Gatun, and Colon; and

Whereas the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, a corporation of the State of New York, and the boards of various cooperating churches in the United States desiring to make provision for worship by the adherents of their respective denominations who from time to time reside temporarily on the Isthmus of Panama and who do not desire to sever their denominational ties in the United States have contributed toward the establishment of the Union Church of the Canal Zone; and

Whereas the said Union Church of the Canal Zone is not related to any of such denominations in the way of ecclesiastical subordination or subjection thereto; and

Whereas it is desired to insure the continuance of the work in which the said Union Church of the Canal Zone has been engaged: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

CORPORATION CREATED

SECTION 1. The following persons, to wit: Roy B. Guild, Thomas S. Donohugh, and Frank H. Mann, of New York, New York; Wilson H. Kromer, H. R. Harris, F. H. Hohmann, of Balboa Heights, Canal Zone; N. L. Wine, R. L. Klotz, Leslie Evans, R. T. Toone, of Balboa, Canal Zone; R. R. Gregory, I. W. Metzger, A. R. Campbell, H. V. Rowe, of Cristobal, Canal Zone; A. E. Wood, Fred Newhard, Mrs. G. D. Poole, E. Clark, of Gatun, Canal Zone; N. M. Shaw, E. D. Stillwell, K. C. Simons, L. S. Kizer, of Pedro Miguel, Canal Zone; and L. H. Fourcher, H. I. Tinnin, C. F. Browne, T. N. Etchberger, of Gamboa, Canal Zone; and such persons as are on the date of the enactment of this Act members of The Union Church of the Canal Zone; and their associates and successors, are hereby created and declared to be a body corporate of the Canal Zone, where its domicile shall be. The name of this corporation shall be "The Union Church of the Canal Zone".

Name of corporation.

POWERS OF THE CORPORATION

SEC. 2. The corporation (a) shall have perpetual succession; (b) may sue and be sued; (c) may adopt a corporate seal and alter or destroy the same at pleasure; (d) may adopt and alter a constitution,

bylaws, and regulations to carry out its purposes, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States or the laws of the Canal Zone; (e) may establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its affairs; (f) may acquire by purchase, devise, bequest, gift, or otherwise, and hold, own, use, assign, and dispose of such real estate and personal property as shall be deemed advisable, and may accept bequests for the purposes of this corporation hereinafter set forth; (g) may under terms and conditions satisfactory to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, a corporation of the State of New York, acquire all the assets of the existing Union Church of the Canal Zone upon assuming all of its obligations; (h) may continue the local churches of The Union Church of the Canal Zone now existing on the Isthmus of Panama and establish such additional local churches within the Canal Zone as may be deemed desirable for the purposes of the corporation as hereinafter set forth and may discontinue any such local church at pleasure; and (i) generally may do any and all lawful acts necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is created.

OBJECT AND PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION

SEC. 3. The object and purpose of the corporation shall be to continue in corporate form The Union Church of the Canal Zone. Its activities shall be determined in the constitution and bylaws established in accordance with this Act.

MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 4. The membership of The Union Church of the Canal Zone shall consist of persons admitted to membership in any local church thereof, either through the said members' own connection with an evangelical denomination in the United States, or as may be otherwise provided in the constitution and bylaws established in accordance with this Act.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

General council.

SEC. 5. (a) There shall be (1) a general council which, except as otherwise provided in this Act, shall exercise the corporate powers and have general control over matters common to all local churches; (2) a board of trustees which shall hold for the use of the membership of The Union Church all property and property rights of The Union Church, subject to proper orders of the general council or the membership of the corporation; and (3) a local council for each of the local churches.

Board of trustees.

Local councils.

Constitution to prescribe designated provisions.

Proviso.
Composition of board of trustees.

(b) The constitution and bylaws authorized to be established by this Act (1) shall prescribe the number, qualifications, the method of selection and the terms of office of members of the general council, the board of trustees, and the local councils: *Provided*, That the board of trustees thereafter selected shall consist of not more than nineteen persons and not less than nine, all of whom shall be citizens of the United States: *Provided further*, That each of the local churches shall elect at least one member of the board of trustees, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America shall elect or appoint four members, and the general council shall elect the other members, if any; (2) shall specify the officers of the said councils and board and prescribe the methods of their selection, the terms of office, and their respective duties and responsibilities: *And provided further*, That the local councils shall, with the approval of the general council, select their own pastors who shall be citizens of the United States and shall be entitled to receive such privileges of employees of the Panama Canal

Officers of councils and board of trustees.

Pastors.

as the Governor of the Panama Canal may grant to such pastors and to the pastors of other churches serving American residents of the Canal Zone; (3) shall prescribe the duties and delimit the jurisdiction of the local councils; (4) shall determine the nature of the activities and teachings of the Union Church of the Canal Zone; and (5) shall determine the relationship between the Union Church of the Canal Zone as represented by the general council and board of trustees, and the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the various denominational boards.

Activities and teachings.

COMPLETION OF ORGANIZATION

SEC. 6. The persons specifically named in section 1 shall constitute the first board of trustees, and the members of the general or executive council in office the date this Act becomes effective with such changes as may be made in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the existing unincorporated Union Church shall constitute the general council, and the members of both shall continue in office until their successors are elected in accordance with the constitution and bylaws adopted by the incorporators.

Approved, December 31, 1941.

[CHAPTER 644]

AN ACT

To establish a military code for the Territory of Alaska.

December 31, 1941
[H. R. 5822]
[Public Law 392]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the militia of the Territory of Alaska shall consist of all able-bodied male citizens of the United States and all other able-bodied males who shall have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, residing within the Territory, who shall be more than eighteen years of age and, except as hereinafter provided, not more than forty-five years of age, and said militia shall be divided into two classes: The Organized Militia, to be known as the Alaska National Guard, and the Unorganized Militia.

Militia, Alaska.
Composition and classes.

SEC. 2. The following persons shall be exempt from militia service: Persons exempted by the laws of the United States, judges of the several courts of the Territory, and members and officers of the Alaska Territorial Legislature.

Exemptions from militia service.

SEC. 3. The Alaska National Guard shall consist of members of the militia voluntarily enlisted therein, who, upon original enlistment, shall be not less than eighteen nor more than forty-five years of age, or who, in subsequent enlistment, shall be not more than sixty-four years of age, organized, armed, equipped, and federally recognized according to the laws of the United States, and of commissioned officers and warrant officers who are citizens of the United States between the ages of twenty-one and sixty-four years and who shall be appointed and commissioned or warranted by the Governor of the Territory: *Provided*, That former members of the Regular Army, Navy, or Marine Corps under sixty-four years of age may enlist in said Alaska National Guard.

Alaska National Guard.

Provide.

SEC. 4. The Governor of the Territory of Alaska, as ex officio commander of the militia of the Territory, shall have like command of the Alaska National Guard while not in active Federal service, and is empowered to promulgate all necessary regulations therefor not inconsistent with this Act. Except as otherwise prescribed by this Act, the Alaska National Guard and its members shall be subject to all Federal laws and regulations relating to the National Guard of the several States and Territories, and of the United States.

Authority of Governor.

Federal laws and regulations.